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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING SUBSTANCES OR ANALYTES FROM THE ANALYSIS OF ONE OR MORE SAMPLES

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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## Dear Sir

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed January 13, 2010, the period of response being extended from February 13, 2010 to April 13, 2010.

Payment is being made via credit card in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account. No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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